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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CORELLA, FRANCISCO

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-16 and 18-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 7/01/04, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, and 13 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Riggins US 6,233,341.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman US 6,058,484 in view of Riggins US 6,233,341.

As per claims 1, and 13, Chapman discloses a certificate authority issuing a long-term public key identity certificate (certificate) that binds a public key of the user to long term identification information (identifying information) related to the user, (Col 7 lines 57-67).

Chapman does not disclose a short-term public key certificate.

Riggins discloses a certificate authority (global server) for issuing a short term public key credential certificate (certificates that are short lived), (Col 3 lines 33-43). The certificate binds the public key of the user to long term identification information (long term certificate) and to short term authorization information (validity information, name, serial number), (Col 15 lines 13-35). The user presents this short term certificate to an application (web server) for authorization, (Col 14 lines 25-35). The client demonstrates

knowledge of a private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate, (Col 2 lines 35-48).

It would be obvious to modify Chapman's PKI system with a short term certificate of Riggins to keep a Certificate Revocation list small in order to reduce network traffic.

As per claims 2, and 14, Chapman does not disclose a short term certificate.

Riggins discloses that the certificate has a time stamp (expiration date), (Col 3 lines 33-38).

It would be obvious to modify Chapman's pki system with a timestamp of Riggins to state time of validity and increase security.

As per claim 3, and 15 Chapman does not disclose a short term certificate.

Riggins discloses that the expiration date is sufficiently short (limited amount of time), (Col 3 lines 33-38).

As per claims 6, and 18, Chapman does not disclose a short term certificate.

Riggins discloses a short term certificate in a non structured form, (Fig 13).

As per claims 8, and 20, Chapman discloses using a X.509 certificate, (Col 8 lines 33-43). Chapman does not disclose a shot term certificate.

Riggins discloses a short term certificate, (Col 3 lines 33-43).

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Chapman's x.509 with Riggins's short term certificate, because the 509 format is supported by a number of different protocols, (Chapman Col 8 line 43), and the short term certificate need not be checked by CRLs.

As per claims 10, and 22, Chapman discloses memory, (Col 9 line 2). The long term certificate must be stored in the directory to be retrieved.

Claims 4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman US 6,058,484 in view of Riggins US 6,233,341 in view of Asay US 5,903,882.

3. As per claims 4, and 16, Chapman-Riggins discloses a short term certificates with limited validity.

Asay discloses that a certificate that becomes invalid by age need not be on the schedule thus becomes invalid before the next scheduled CRL check, (Col 3 lines 1-4).

It would be obvious to modify Chapman's PKI system with Asay's CRL to enable reduced network traffic.

Claims 7, 9, 19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman US 6,058,484 in view of Riggins US 6,233,341 in view of Howell US 5,276,901.

4. As per claims 7, and 19, Chapman-Riggins discloses a short term certificate.

Chapman-Riggins does not disclose a structured certificate.

Howell discloses a certificate with access restricted folders contained therein (Col 5 lines 23-30).

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Chapman-Riggins with Howell's restricted access to increase security.

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As per claims 9, and 21, Chapman-Riggins discloses using a short term X.509 certificate, (Chapman Col 8 lines 33-43).

Howell discloses restricted folders, (Col 5 line 23).

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Chapmans x.509 with Howell's restricted folders, because the 509 format is supported by a number of different protocols, (Col 8 line 43), and the restricted folders add a measure of security.

Claims 11, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman US 6,058,484 in view of Riggins US 6,233,341 in view of Maruyama US 6,393,563.

5. As per claims 11, and 23 Chapman-Riggins does not disclose a smart card.

Maruyama disclose a private key may be stored on a smartcard, (Col 1 line 20, 53-56).

It would be obvious to modify the Chapman-Riggins combination with Maruyama's smart card, because the smart card increases the security of key storage.

Claims 12, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman US 6,058,484 in view of Riggins US 6,233,341 in view of Kausik US 6,263,446.

6. As per claims 12, and 24, Chapman-Riggins does not disclose a software wallet.

Kausik discloses storing a private key in a software wallet, (Col 4 lines1-6).

It would be obvious to modify the Chapman-Riggins combination with Kausik's software wallet because the wallet increases the security of key storage.

Claims 5, and 17 are objected to due to their dependence on independent claims 1, and 13.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J Brown whose telephone number is 703-305-8023. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 703-308-4789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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